

secondary system by vehicles weighing ninety-six thousand pounds may be approved by local authorities.

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CHAPTER 101

REPOSITORY FOR LICENSING, REGISTRY, AND CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION

H.F. 439

AN ACT relating to the development of a repository for criminal history, abuse and sex offender registries, and nurse aide and other health profession certification and licensing information.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. SINGLE CONTACT REPOSITORY.

1. The department of inspections and appeals shall lead a joint effort with the departments of human services, public health, elder affairs, and public safety to plan the development of a single contact repository to permit employers, political subdivisions, and state agencies to obtain the following information with one contact:

- a. Health professional licensing.
- b. Nurse aide registry.
- c. Child abuse registry.
- d. Dependent adult abuse registry.
- e. Criminal history data.
- f. Sex offender registry.

2. The department of inspections and appeals, in cooperation with the other departments listed in subsection 1, shall report to the general assembly on or before January 15, 1998, concerning progress in planning for the development of the repository. The report shall address any statutory changes and funding necessary for implementation of the repository, accessibility requirements, and a proposed implementation schedule.

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CHAPTER 102

ELECTION OF MAYORS IN CERTAIN CITIES

H.F. 680

AN ACT relating to election of mayors in certain cities and providing an immediate effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. MAYORS — STAGGERED TERMS FOR 1997 AND 1999 CITY ELECTIONS. Any city which has changed the term of council members or mayor under section

376.2 may, by resolution adopted by the council and filed in the office of city clerk on or before August 20, 1997, choose to change the term of mayor as follows:

1. An office of mayor scheduled to be filled at the regular city election in November 1997, shall be for a two-year term, beginning in January 1998, and the office shall next be filled at the regular city election in November 1999, and every four years thereafter.

2. An office of mayor on the ballot in the regular city election in November 1995 and scheduled to be filled at the regular city election in November 1999, shall be for a two-year term, beginning in January 2000, and the office shall next be filled at the regular city election in November 2001, and every four years thereafter.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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CHAPTER 103

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE — PORTABILITY AND CONTINUITY

H.F. 701

AN ACT relating to the requirements for portability and continuity of health care coverage for individuals among certain types of health care coverage, and related matters.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 509.3, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In addition to the provisions required in subsections 1 through 8, the commissioner shall require provisions through the adoption of rules implementing the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

Sec. 2. Section 513B.2, subsection 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Actuarial certification" means a written statement by a member of the American academy of actuaries or other individual acceptable to the commissioner that a small employer carrier is in compliance with the provisions of section 513B.4, based upon the person's examination, including a review of the appropriate records and of the actuarial assumptions and methods utilized by the small employer carrier in establishing premium rates for applicable health ~~benefit plans~~ insurance coverages.

Sec. 3. Section 513B.2, subsection 4, Code 1997, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4. "Carrier" means an entity subject to the insurance laws and regulations of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, that contracts or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services, including an insurance company offering sickness and accident plans, a health maintenance organization, a nonprofit health service corporation, or any other entity providing a plan of health insurance, health benefits, or health services.

Sec. 4. Section 513B.2, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows: